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In re Application of

James N. Cawse.

Group Art Unit: 1627

Serial No. 09/618, 794

Examiner: T. Prasthofer

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Response to Paper No. 5

For: SEQUENTIAL HIGHTHROUGHPUT SCREENING METHOD AND SYSTEM

REPLY TO EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Director for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2001, in which a restriction requirement was made between species of four separate categories of Invention II (claims 16-25), the applicant elects with traverse the first category, Species of a Combination of Reactants (claims 16, 20, 23, and 25).

Respectfully submitted,

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